

3. (amended) The antibody [according to] of claim 1, [characterized in that it] wherein said antibody is a monoclonal antibody.

4. (amended) The antibody [according to] of claim 3, [characterized in that it] wherein said antibody is deposited under ACC 2207 with DSM (German-type culture collection for microorganisms).

5. (amended) A process for the preparation of [an] the polyclonal antibody [according to any one] of [claims 1-4] claim 2, [characterized in that] comprising:

(a) immunizing an animal [is immunized] with a histidine fusion polypeptide; and

[(a)] (b) collecting said polyclonal [antibodies] antibody [are obtained] from the serum of [the] said animal[, or]

(b) monoclonal antibodies are obtained after the fusion of animal's spleen cells with myeloma cells].

6. (amended) The process [according to] of claim 5, [characterized in that] wherein a mixture of different histidine fusion polypeptides is used for immunization.

7. (amended) [Use of an antibody according to any one of claims 1 to 4 in a detection] A method for detecting a fusion polypeptide [comprising] having a histidine portion, comprising:

(a) incubating said polypeptide with the antibody of Claim 1, 2, 3, or 4; and
(b) detecting the antibody in a detection reaction.

8. (amended) [Use according to] The method of claim 7, wherein the detection [method] reaction is [a] selected from the group consisting of Western blot, [an] ELISA, [an] immunofluorescence, [or] and immunoprecipitation.

Please add the following new Claims 9 and 10: